

**LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT  
Extended Hours License  
L317-50023**

**Purpose of Application:** Sinners is requesting to extend their business's hours of operation to the following:

Sunday - Thursday, to operate until 3:00 A.M.  
Friday - Saturday, to operate until 4:00 A.M.

**Applicant's Name (Legal Entity):** RBB, LLC

**DBA/Trade Name:** Sinners

**Complete Address:** 121 Washington Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55401

**Telephone Number:** (612) 746-0666

**Current Licenses:** This location has held a Place of Entertainment license and a Food Restaurant license since 2006.

**Zoning District:** B4S-1/DP – Downtown Service/Downtown Parking Overlay

**Current Authorized Hours:** Sunday-Thursday, 6:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M.  
Friday-Saturday, 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M.

**Neighborhood/Ward:** Downtown West/7

**Date of Application:** May 10, 2012

**Inspector:** Michele Harvet, 612-673-5484

**Public Hearing Requirement:** A public hearing is required for this license application. 377 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the premises and emailed to the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Organization, North Loop Neighborhood Association and the Warehouse District Business Association on May 30, 2012. Four multi-residential buildings were posted as well. The public hearing will be held on June 18, 2012 at the Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee meeting.

**Background:** The applicant proposes to extend the hours of operation for their Place of Entertainment to provide entertainment to their customers until 3:00am on Sunday through Thursday and until 4:00am on Friday through Saturday. The establishment does not serve alcoholic beverages. It provides entertainment in the form of nude stage dancing, topless dances and licensed music played by disc jockeys. Business Licensing Inspectors have performed several late night inspections at this business and near the vicinity on without observing any violations.

**Findings as Required by the Minneapolis Licensing Code:**

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division has analyzed the application and concludes that the application has answered the following:

**A security plan that describes the security features, including personnel and equipment, that the applicant will employ and how they will be utilized:**

All security staff at Sinners are cross-trained to handle multiple positions such as the door, the floor, behind the juice bar and the DJ booth. During busy times (summer and weekends) Sinners has at least three or four security personnel. They screen for patrons that are too intoxicated to enter and to make sure that patrons are at least 18 years of age. They monitor and regulate panhandlers and loiterers by politely asking them to leave the area. They handle situations diplomatically to de-escalate anything before it leads to a physical altercation. They have a no-admittance policy and will be employing an ID scanner to store information about people on their no-admit list. Disorderly patrons will be handled by the security team. Anyone caught perpetrating high level criminal activity will be handed over the local authorities. There are video surveillance cameras and good lighting in front and back of this business. They have a system in place for reporting incidents. They will cooperate with the Police if there is any need. They have 15 video cameras inside the establishment and will copy surveillance data onto a disc for evidence if needed.

**Description of how the applicant will maintain the orderly appearance and operation of the premises with respect to litter and noise:**

Sinners employs a janitor to clean the interior and exterior of the establishment between 9:00am and 12:00pm daily. It is also the responsibility of the doorman to remove any litter in front of Sinners while on duty.

**Description of how the business will have people exit the establishment at closing time and during an emergency that requires all people to exit the establishment quickly:**

Sinners notifies customers every night before closing of a one last dance special. Everyone is informed that they get that last dance, or make their way to the front door. In case of an emergency, they have two doors that let out onto Washington Avenue, one door that lets into Sexworld next door and an emergency exit that lets out into the back alley. Entertainers are escorted to their vehicles by a member of the security team every night.

**Such other reasonable and pertinent information as the city council may require:**

Upon request, the licensee shall meet representatives of the City of Minneapolis to discuss any safety, security or operational concerns.

**Proximity to permitted or conditional residential uses.**

**Nature of the business and its impacts of noise, light and traffic.**

There are apartments above ground level on the same block as Sinners. This establishment is in busy area of Downtown. It is located between a business that has the ability to be open for 24 hours daily and an alcohol establishment that can be open until 2:00 A.M. They do not have any outdoor speakers and no outdoor patio. Music is only played inside their establishment. It cannot be heard outside.

**Conformance with applicable zoning regulations, including but not limited to use, yards, gross floor area and specific development standards.**

The existing business is categorized as an adult entertainment center which is a permitted use in the B4S-1 district.

**History of complaints related to the use.**

There were a few police calls for service near/at this location in the last two years. There was unknown trouble, customer trouble, theft, a “slumper” and two assaults. There are no 311 complaints for this address in the last two years. Records show that Sinners had a signage violation at their establishment in the last two years.

**RECOMMENDATION (pending public hearing):**

**The Licenses and Consumer Services Division makes the following recommendation regarding this application to extend hours:**

~~Grant~~ Postpone the license applicant the following Extended Hours:

Sunday - Thursday, to operate until 3:00 A.M.

Friday - Saturday, to operate until 4:00 A.M.

This is an annually reviewed license. These hours will be reviewed at the next license renewal period. It will be possible to restrict the hours further if there are violations related to the Extended Hours License.